



METABOLIC SYNDROME RISK DIFFERENTIATED BY SEX IN KOREAN ADULTS

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Metabolic syndrome (MetS)

"Insulin Resistance Syndrome", "Syndrome X"

"a condition that impairs normal functioning typically manifested by distinguished signs and symptoms" [Disease]

"a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and characterize a particular abnormality or condition" [Syndrome]

Causes of death

- In 2012, 17.5 million deaths caused by CVD and 1.5 million deaths caused by diabetes
- 1/3 of all female deaths due to CVD and stroke



Prevalence of MetS

Prevalence of the Metabolic Syndrome According to the ATPIII Definition 57 Bars Illustrate Prevalence % Men 47 Women 44 42 39 36 27 27 27 27 25 24 22 22 21 21 20 17 14 10 France Finland U.S. (Non-U.S. Mexico Turkey India* U.S. Australia Ireland Iran Hispanic (Native White) Americans)

Potenza MV & Mechanick JI. Nutr Clin Pract. 2009;24:560-577

Prevalence of MetS in Korean adults



Diagnostic Criteria: NCEP ATPIII

Individuals must have 3 or more of the following:

Elevated waist circumference (WC)	 > 102 cm in men, > 88 cm in women ≥ 90cm in men, ≥ 80 cm in women (Asian; IDF)
Elevated triglycerides (TG)	• ≥ 150 mg/dL
Low HDL-cholesterol (HDLC)	 < 40 mg/dL in men, < 50 mg/dL in women
Elevated blood pressure (BP)	• ≥ 130/85 mmHg; <u>≥ 140/90 mmHg (WHO)</u>
Elevated fasting blood glucose (FBG)	• ≥ 100 mg/dL

Grundy SM et al. Circulation 2005;112:2735-2752

Study Questions

The risk of MetS differentiated by sex in Korean adults?





Data & Subjects

- The nationally representative sample data from the Korea National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey for 2008–2012
- A total of 20,826 adults (8,842 men and 11,984 women) aged 19+ years with no diagnosed diabetes, hypertension, or dyslipidemia

Diagnosis of MetS

- By the criteria of the National Cholesterol Education Program Adult Treatment Panel III
- The presence of \geq 3 of the components

Age-standardized prevalence of MetS by sex



The chi-square was used to test differences in prevalence of MetS by sex (***p<0.001).

Age-standardized prevalence of MetS components by sex



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Combinations of MetS components among subjects with MetS by sex

		Co	mbination	s of MetS	Men (n=1772)	Women (n=1943)		
		Elevated WC	Elevated TG	Low HDLC	Elevated FBG	Elevated BP	% (SE)	% (SE)
	3	X	X	X			13.2 (1.0)	23.5 (1.2)
components		Х	Х		Х		5.0 (0.6)	2.3 (0.4)
		X	X			X	8.4 (0.8)	2.4 (0.5)
		X		X	X		3.0 (0.4)	12.0 (0.9)
		X		X		X	2.7 (0.5)	10.5 (0.8)
		Х			Х	Х	4.9 (0.6)	4.8 (0.6)
			X	X	X		8.3 (0.8)	3.8 (0.5)
			X	X		X	9.9 (0.9)	4.1 (0.5)
Ş			X		X	X	8.8 (0.9)	0.9 (0.2)
Me				Х	Х	Х	2.0 (0.4)	2.5 (0.4)
of	4	X	X	X	X		6.3 (0.7)	9.1 (0.8)
No.		X	X	X		X	7.0 (0.7)	8.8 (0.8)
		Х	Х		Х	Х	6.3 (0.7)	2.0 (0.4)
		Х		Х	Х	Х	2.0 (0.4)	5.4 (0.6)
			Х	Х	Х	Х	6.3 (0.7)	1.6 (0.3)
	5	X	X	X	X	Х	6.0 (0.7)	6.3 (0.7)

Age-specific prevalence of MetS and its components by sex (1)



The chi-square was used to test differences in prevalence of metabolic syndrome and its components between men and women by age groups (*p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001).

Age-specific prevalence of MetS and its components by sex (2)



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Age-specific prevalence of MetS and its components by sex (3)



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Dyslipidemia Hypertension

Diabetes Abdominal Obesity



Insulin resistance Inflammation Prothrombotic state Endothelial dysfunction Cardiovascular disease Polycystic ovary disease Sleep apnea Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease Cancer Hyperuricemia & gout Genetics, Aging Obesity and inactivity Medications PCOS Atherosclerosis Dyslipidemia Hypertension IUGR

Risk factors of MetS

Gender related behaviors



Carbohydrate Intake and Refined-Grain Consumption Are Associated with Metabolic Syndrome in the Korean Adult Population

Dietary patterns based on carbohydrate nutrition are associated with the risk for diabetes and dyslipidemia

High intake of whole grains and beans pattern is inversely associated with insulin resistance in healthy Korean adult population

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Source: WHO website

Unhealthy diet

Basis of diagnostic criteria

Low HDLC

- Men < 40 mg/dL, Women < 50 mg/dL
- Associated with insulin resistance or hyperinsulinemia
- Based on insulin resistant men in US and hypertensive men and women in Sweden and Finland
- <u>Men < 43 mg/dL</u>, Women < 48 mg/dL for Korean adults (Moon et al. 2015)

Elevated WC

- Men > 102 cm, Women > 88 cm (in Caucasians)
- Men ≥ 90cm, Women ≥ 80 cm (in Asian; IDF)
- Associated with cardiovascular risk factors
- Based on South Asian population
- Men ≥ 90cm, Women ≥ 85 cm for Korean adults (Lee et al. 2007)

Different effect of MetS on chronic diseases

 In several studies of meta-analysis, MetS was a stronger predictor for CVD morbidity and mortality in women

			Total	Men	Women
Hu G et al. (2004)	Cohort studies	CVD death		2.26 (1.61-3.17)	2.78 (1.57-4.94)
Galassi A et al. (2006)	Cohort studies	CVD events	1.61 (1.42-1.83)	1.57 (1.41–1.75)	2.10 (1.79–2.45)
Gami AS et al. (2007)	Cohort studies	CVD events & death	1.78 (1.58-2.00)	1.98	2.63
Hui WS et al. (2010)	Cohort studies	All cause death	1.46 (1.35-1.57)	1.44 (1.32–1.58)	1.51 (1.37–1.66)

Conclusions & Implications



- Reestablish the sex-specific diagnostic criteria of MetS
- Investigate MetS pathogenesis based on sex and gender related risk factors
- Develop preventive and therapeutic strategies of MetS according to specific sex and age group, especially focusing on middle-aged and elderly women
- Identify different effect of MetS on further progression to chronic diseases by sex

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